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TAGS: ASEAN, TH
SUBJECT: US-ASEAN DIALOGUE: WASHINGTON MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. MFA UNDER-SECRETARY ARUN PANUPONG TOLD CHARGE TODAY THAT
FONMIN UPPADIT IS NOW FIRMLY COMMITTED TO ATTEND THE ASEAN
MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

2. ARUN SAID MINISTRY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET UPPADIT TO
FOCUS ON THE US-ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING UNTIL THIS WEEK
BECAUSE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PREOCCUPATION WITH HIS
MAJOR INDOCHINA VISITORS. HOWEVER, ARUN SAID HE WAS MEET-
ING WITH FONMIN UPPADIT LATER TODAY TO ATTEMPT TO PIN DOWN
FONMIN WITH REGARD TO HIS TRAVEL PLANS AS WELL AS WHAT HE
WANTS TO DO IN THE U.S. ARUN WILL THEN PROCEED TO MANILA
ON JULY 22 TO PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR ASEAN OFFICERS DISCUS-
SIONS THERE ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

3. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF ECONOMIC REPRESENTATION ON
RTG WASHINGTON DELEGATION, ARUN SAID THAT MFA HAS BEEN
PUSHING EITHER FOR INDUSTRY MINISTER KASEM OR DEPUTY COM-
MERCE MINISTER PROK. MFA BELIEVES EITHER WOULD CONTRIBUTE
SIGNIFICANTLY TO WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS, IN CONTRAST TO
EITHER COMMERCE OR FINANCE MINISTERS, WHO MFA BELIEVES
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WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE IN WASHINGTON
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